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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2006.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-12 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-12 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. This Office Action is response to Amendment filed on 2/28/2006
Claims 6-12 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung (U.S.Pat-6584328) in view of Kamada (U.S.Pat-6381637).

Regarding claim 6, Kung teaches a communication terminal (fig.1-2), comprising:

a communication circuit that transmits information to an information center and that receives information from the information center (fig.1, col.2, line 60 to col.3, line 26), wherein the information center is remote from the communication terminal (abstract); and

a controller that (fig.1, col.2, lines 36-44), in response to a predetermined event (fig.1, abstract, col.2, lines 36-44), instructs the communication circuit to begin to establish a communication line with the information center to create a communication session between the communication terminal and the information center (fig.1-2, abstract, col.2, lines 36-44),

Kung fails to special disclose wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the controller to instruct the communication circuit to transmit initial data to the information center, and wherein the communication unit circuit transmits the initial data to the information center before the communication unit circuit transmits any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session. However, Kamada teaches wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the controller to instruct the communication circuit to transmit initial data to the information center (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61), and wherein the communication unit circuit transmits the initial data to the information center before the communication unit circuit transmits any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the controller to instruct the communication circuit to transmit initial data to the information center, and wherein the communication unit circuit transmits the initial data to the information center before the communication unit circuit transmits any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction

during the communication session as taught by Kamada with Kung teaching in order to improved data update rate, and allows for an increased speed of use of the invention.

Regarding claim 7, Kung and Kamada further teaches the communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

a display (see Kung, fig.2, element 18, col.2, lines 45-59), wherein the predetermined event comprises displaying a predetermined screen on the display (see Kung, fig.2, element 18, col.2, lines 45-59).

Regarding claim 8, Kung and Kamada further teaches the communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

an user input unit (see Kung, fig.2), wherein the predetermined event comprises the user inputting a predetermined command via the user input unit (see Kung, fig.2, col.3, line 11 to col.4, line 7).

Regarding claim 9, Kung and Kamada further teaches the communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

an key input unit (see Kung, fig.2), wherein the predetermined event comprises the user activating a predetermined button on the key input unit (see Kung, fig.2, col.3, line 11 to col.4, line 7).

Regarding claim 10, Kung and Kamada further teaches he communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein the initial data comprises a request that requests information from the information center (see Kung, fig.2, col.3, line 11 to col.4, line 7).

Regarding claim 11, Kung teaches a communication method, comprising:

transmitting information to a remote information center (fig.1, col.2, line 60 to col.3, line 26);

receiving information from the information center (fig.1, col.2, line 60 to col.3, line 26); and

in response to a predetermined event, begin establishing a communication line with the information center to create a communication session with the information center (fig.2, col.3, line 11 to col.4, line 7),

Kung fails to special disclose wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data to the information center, and transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session. However, Kamada teaches wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data to the information center (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61), and transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use as taught by Kamada with Kung teaching in order to improved data update rate, and allows for an increased speed of use of the invention.

Regarding claim 12, Kung teaches a software program contained in a computer-readable medium that instructs a computer to perform a routine (fig.1, col.1, line 35 to col.2, line 10), comprising:

transmitting information to a remote information center (fig.1, col.2, line 60 to col.3, line 26);

receiving information from the information center (fig.1, col.2, line 60 to col.3, line 26); and

in response to a predetermined event, begin establishing a communication line with the information center to create a communication session with the information center(fig.2, col.3, line 11 to col.4, line 7),

Kung fails to special disclose wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data to the information center, and transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session. However, Kamada teaches wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instruction to transmit initial data to the information center (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61), and transmitting the initial data to the information center before transmitting any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session (col.5, lines 29-36, col.8, lines 38-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use as taught by Kamada with Kung teaching in order to improved data update rate, and allows for an increased speed of use of the invention.

Conclusion

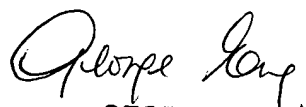
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai M. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571.272.7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571.272.7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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